


**Government of the District of Columbia  
Office of the Chief Financial Officer**



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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** The Honorable Vincent C. Gray  
Chair, Council of the District of Columbia

**FROM:** Natwar M. Gandhi  
Chief Financial Officer 

**DATE:** DEC 15 2008

**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Impact Statement: "Commission on Poverty Emergency Amendment Act of 2008"

**REFERENCE:** Draft – No Bill Number Available

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**Conclusion**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation.

**Background**

The proposed legislation would amend D.C. Official Code § 3-635 to extend the sunset date for the Commission on Poverty ("Commission") from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009. District Law 16-151 established the Commission to evaluate programs designed to help District residents break the cycle of poverty; to make recommendations to improve the economic, educational, healthcare, and housing status of District residents living in poverty; and to focus on efforts aimed at reducing the rates of concentrated poverty and childhood poverty in the District.

**Financial Plan Impact**

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2009 through FY 2012 budget and financial plan to implement the proposed legislation. The legislation establishing the Commission required the Department of Human Services to designate two employees to serve as staff on the Commission. The fiscal impact statement for D.C. Law 16-151 stated that funds were sufficient to staff the Commission. Thus, extending the sunset date for the Commission would not require additional funding for DHS.